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## PORT OF NORFOLK.

A VERY EXTENSIVE RAILROAD PURCHASE PROBABLE.

The Dry Dock—Many Hands at Work—Confessed the Personal and Religious Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, September 22, 1888.

It is thought the Norfolk and Western railroad will purchase the extensive wharf property in Portsmouth known as the Gosport cotton-docks, now held among the assets of the defunct Exchange National Bank, as it adjoins the navy-yard, and can be utilized for the storage of coal for the Government as well as cotton and freight goods.

The property was originally valued at \$600,000 when operated as the Seaboard Commerce Works, but the bank receiver is anxious to sell doubtless at one third that sum. The trains of the Norfolk and Western will commence running into Portsmouth on the 1st of November, and their tracks will reclaim and improve an extensive lot of useless marsh land.

Judge Robert W. Hughes, having spent the greater part of the summer on his farm near Abingdon, is expected home on Monday.

Mr. James Simpson, the senior member of the firm building the \$300,000 dry dock at the navy-yard, is here looking after the progress of the work. Three hundred men are now at work, and a large force of carpenters is to be employed on the bottom of the dock.

Mr. Simpson says the dock at Newport News is rapidly nearing completion and will be opened for business about the 15th of November. The two enormous pumps to be used in emptying the dock at the rate of 30,000 gallons of water a minute will be ready for use.

A thousand men are at work on the Chowan and Southern railroad between Suffolk and the Chowan river, and contractors are pushing the grading ahead rapidly.

The named Levi Vicks was arrested here by detectives last night for stealing \$111 from John E. Cannon's wine-room, Broadway and Thirteenth street, New York. Vicks confessed the theft at the station-house.

The Baltimore tow-boat Raleigh is here in distress, having blown out a steam-pipe in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk county is afflicted with high-wind and as well as fire-floods.

An Irish-American Protective Club has been organized here with Major James F. Milligan as president.

A lady of Norfolk, who refused to let her name be known, yesterday sent Mayor Banks \$200 for the yellow-fever sufferers.

Rev. W. P. Hines has accepted the call recently extended to him by the Atlantic City Baptist church.

The Constellation got away at day-break this morning.

The Naval Post Office and the land of the thirty Peninsula will give a concert for the yellow-fever sufferers. Thirty-five hundred envelopes will be distributed in Portsmouth on Tuesday.

The Portsmouth Baptist Association, composed of delegates from sixty-three churches, will meet next Tuesday at Princess Anne county with the church at London Bridge, and the brethren all expect the usual good time, spiritually and otherwise.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS.

Second Day of the Augusta County Sunday-School Convention.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

AUGUSTA, Va., September 21, 1888.

The second day of the Augusta County Sunday-School Convention was opened with religious services, Mr. Christian Eakin leading in prayer.

The first topic for discussion was the "Infant Baptism and the Land of the Living." Addressed on this head were Rev. Dr. McFarland, W. J. Nelson, A. M. Simpson, Rev. W. T. Yarbrough, Lemuel Parker, S. Miller, and James Phillips.

The permanent secretary, Mr. W. J. Nelson, read his annual report with comparisons.

1887. 1888.

Number of schools..... 25 25

Number of scholars..... 1,200 1,200

Officers and teachers..... 200 200

Average attendance..... 100 100

Average collection..... \$100 \$100

Schooled with international lessons, 32.

Classification of schools—Methodist, 10; Presbyterian, 10; Lutheran, 6; Baptist, 5; United Brethren, 2; Union, 6.

Received into the church from Sunday schools so far reported, 132.

Contributions for benevolent and missionary objects, \$418.58; expenses, libraries, &amp;c., \$1,234.94.

There are seventy-five Sabbath schools in the county, and the churches, which for reports were sent; thirty-nine of the number are attached to the union, and forwarded reports, which were consolidated as above.

The topic "Method of Instruction and Order of Exercises" was next discussed by Rev. George L. Ritter and Mr. Christian Eakin, which closed the morning session.

In the afternoon "Sunday-School Music" occupied the attention of the convention, at which time Rev. W. A. Whitecarver was the principal speaker.

Lesson, Holbein's "The Last Supper." Abuse" was very fully discussed by Mr. John W. Todd, who was followed by Mr. A. Towhern.

One of the most attractive features of the session was Major J. Hotchkiss on the use of the Blackboard in Sunday-School Instruction, in which he illustrated its value. It was a lecture of large benefit to those who heard it, and many teachers and superintendents expressed a purpose to endeavor to practice it.

Naked-Creek church, near Weyer's Cave, was chosen for the next annual meeting.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

STANTON.

The Contents of a Corner-Store Box.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

SEPTEMBER 22, 1888.

Mr. J. E. Timley, the contractor for the Young Men's Christian Association building, has rapidly levelled the old Lutheran church walls that occupied the site for the new edifice. The demolished building was erected in 1833. The tin box deposited in the corner-stone at the time was found in place. Yesterday afternoon it was opened in the presence of the council of the church and other persons, one of whom was Mr. David Bucher, who was the contractor to build the old church.

The articles deposited except the coins were nearly destroyed by rust and dampness. But little of the printed matter could be read. Of that not entirely destroyed were remnants of the annual reports of the State institutions here, the Western Lunatic Asylum and the institution for the Deaf and Blind, a Bible, hymn-book, and a Almanac. Also, copies of the Stanton Spectator and the Stanton Vindicator. There were rust-brown masses of other printed matter, but the printing entirely lost and the paper changed to congealed dust. All the articles, including those that are at all intelligible, will be placed in the new box to be prepared for the new church building which has been commenced.

CAXTON.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Teachers Elected—A Disappointed Crowd.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

SEPTEMBER 22, 1888.

The Board of School Trustees were in session yesterday to elect principals and teachers of our public schools. Mr.

John S. Charley was reappointed principal of the Grammar and Mathematical School, with Miss Laura Davis as assistant.

Mrs. W. R. McCaw, who has been ill, is somewhat better, but still quite sick.

A union of the Baptist ministers and deacons of the Peninsula will be held here Saturday, September 29th, to organize the Peninsula Baptist Association, which will be in session two days—Saturday and Sunday. Some forty members are expected.

W. W. Vest and laughter have returned from their European tour.

The largest crowd seen here for some time filled our town yesterday expecting to attend the Shelby circus. Good judges placed the number at several thousand. Owing to the fact that the circus did not arrive till midnight too late to perform. The large crowd took the disappointment good-naturedly.

Mr. Page Maraden, of Norfolk, who has been spending the summer here, has returned home.

A grand Democratic rally will be held here October 9th. There will be a bar-becue near here, in the county, in the morning and speaking here at night.

Among the speakers booked for the occasion are Hon. John T. Harris, Dr. Gardner Tyler (editor), Captain R. C. Marshall, and Mr. Page, of Norfolk.

THE RICHMOND CANDIDATE.

James Langdon Curtis, Nominated for the Presidency by the American Party.

Of presidential candidates the latest in the field with his letter of acceptance is the old gentleman nominated by the American party, in convention at Washington. If not the most likely of the candidates to be given by the people, he is the most capable of them all. Mr. Curtis is said to be worth about two hundred thousand dollars; Mr. Harrison probably about the same; Mr. Tilden is believed to be considerably better off than the Democratic or Republican candidate, and Mr. Curtis, worth two million dollars, is possessed of more than all the other candidates put together, not forgetting the shrewd Washington woman who claims to be one of them.

The candidacy of Mr. Curtis is peculiarly interesting, because it gives prominence to an opinion which prevails much more largely than the support he will probably receive will even suggest. That, namely, that Americans ought to be interested in a political doctrine which is actively held by many citizens who will vote for one of the dominant parties. A candidate, therefore, who looks upon unrestricted immigration and the mixing of races, and who is as actively threatening the national life with immediate danger is a subject of general interest throughout the Union.

James Langdon Curtis was born at Stratford, Conn., in the year 1816. He was sixteen when he removed to New York, where he soon became a well-known business man. Before he was of age he managed one of the largest dry goods concerns in New York. When about twenty-one years old he was secretary of the New York Board of Trade, then consisting of about two hundred and fifty members of dry goods and jobbing merchants of the city. Later, during ten years he was colonel of the Ninth regiment, New York, and was in command when an excited mob threatened to destroy the banks. There were saved by his intervention. In the beginning of the war the candidate joined the Union army. He served a year and a half, and was an acting general before his retirement. At that time he was a Democrat in politics. After his retirement from the army he settled in New York. Mr. Curtis is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In his letter of acceptance he advocates a long period of preparation for American citizens, he approves the recommendation of the platform of the American party, which would teach only in the English language and that free technical schools should be established for the instruction of American youth in practical arts and industries, and thinks one flag sufficient for the American people. He adds that the tariff ought not to be discussed in a partisan way. These are some of the points in a very interesting document.

A True Snake Story.

(From the N. Y. Telegram.)

Old Sergeant Suber relates the following as strictly true, and says it can be vouched for by forty of the most influential citizens of East Hamden, Conn.

Out on the plantation of J. G. Evans, near Hamden, there are a great many moosehairs, especially about the mill-pond. One little pond near the mill is a favorite resort, and they congregate in great numbers about it. It is supplied by the rains, and last summer, during the protracted drought, it went almost dry, with a great number of snakes to mourn the loss of the water. The snakes did not like to be evicted by dry weather, so they crawled out in single file from the little pond that lay below the level of the mill-pond. When the first snake or leader reached the mill-pond a halt was called, and each snake proceeded to swallow the tail of the snake in front of him, until each mouth was filled with the tail, and then every snake in the long line proceeded to shed its skin and crawl out. The shed skins formed a long siphon, drew the water from the mill-pond and filled up the little pond, and what is better, kept it full all summer.

The Czar spends very little time in his study, as he is more afraid of his stoutness than of political policy, and is consequently in the habit of receiving his Ministers in the grounds, while listening to their reports; he frequently adds his "tail" "to an important document" by holding it against a tree, and hence it is rather indistinct at times. The Czar is by no means quick in signing deeds, and in many cases numbers of those neatly written specimens of Russian calligraphy are returned without signature, and are called "canceled calligraphs." The Board of School Trustees were in session yesterday to elect principals and teachers of our public schools. Mr.

## THE SOUTH SIDE.

POLITICAL SPEAKING—DEATH OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

The Normal—A Personal and General News—A Former Petersburg Mayor Honored.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 22, 1888.

Hon. George D. Wise, Colonel Tazewell Elliott, and Dr. A. Monteiro addressed the citizens of Ettrick last night on the political issues involved in the present campaign. The meeting was a full one and the speakers aroused much enthusiasm. Mr. Wise spoke for nearly two hours and made an exhaustive discussion of the tariff. The three gentlemen spent the night at the Ettrick Hotel, and left for Richmond this morning.

A telegram received from Weldon to-day announced the death of Major R. W. Daniel, a successful merchant and honored citizen of that place. Major Daniel was almost as well known in Petersburg as he was in Weldon. His familiar form was often seen on our streets, and he had a host of friends here. He was a member of Appomattox Commandery, No. 6